

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A pedal bracket structure comprising:

a pedal bracket fixed at a front end portion to a toe board;

a pedal lever rotatably supported by a rear end portion of said pedal bracket via a pedal lever pivot; and

a rigidity increasing member comprising a saddle type switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket ~~such that together with~~ said pedal lever pivot extends through said saddle type switch bracket,

wherein said pedal bracket comprises:

an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion in said front end portion of said pedal bracket, and

a brittle portion contiguous to and at a rear side of said rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said brittle portion is ahead of said pedal lever pivot in a longitudinal direction of said pedal bracket.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said rigidity increasing member is between said pedal lever pivot and a vehicle body and is located at the rear of said pedal bracket.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 3,

wherein said rigidity increasing member further comprises:

a rigidity supplementing bracket between said switch bracket and said vehicle body,  
wherein said rigidity supplementing bracket is aligned with and fixed to said switch bracket.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 2,  
wherein said rigidity increasing member is between said pedal lever pivot and a vehicle body,  
and is located at the rear of said pedal bracket.

Claims 6-7. (Canceled).

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1,  
wherein said brittle portion comprises a semi-circular shape.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 8,  
wherein said brittle portion has a semi-circular shaped hole formed therein.

Claims 10-11. (Canceled).

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A pedal bracket structure comprising:

a pedal bracket fixed to a toe board;

a pedal lever rotatably supported by said pedal bracket by a pedal lever pivot; and

a rigidity increasing member comprising a saddle type switch bracket fastened to said

pedal bracket such that together with said pedal lever pivot extends through said saddle type switch bracket,

wherein said pedal bracket comprises:

an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion formed in a front end portion of said pedal bracket; and

a brittle portion contiguous to and formed at a rear side of said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a swollen bead.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a curved rib.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said pedal bracket further comprises a rigidity supplementing plate attached to said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion has a semi-circular hole formed therein.

Claim 17. (Canceled)

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion comprises a thin portion.

Claim 19. (Canceled).

Claim 20. (Previously presented) The structure of claim 12, wherein said rigidity increasing member further comprises:

a rigidity supplementing bracket attached to said saddle shaped switch bracket and further mounted to a vehicle body.

Claim 21. (Currently amended) A pedal structure comprising:

a pedal bracket;

a pedal lever rotatably supported by said pedal bracket by a pedal lever pivot; and

a rigidity increasing member comprising a saddle type switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket such that together with said pedal lever pivot extends through said saddle type switch bracket, wherein said pedal bracket comprises:

an outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion formed in a front end portion of said pedal bracket; and

a brittle portion contiguous to and at a rear side of said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion.

Claim 22. (Previously presented) The pedal structure of claim 21, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a cylindrically-shaped portion.

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The pedal structure of claim 22, wherein said rear side of said cylindrically-shaped portion is defined by said brittle portion.

Claims 24-25. (Canceled).

Claim 26. (Previously presented) The pedal bracket structure of claim 1, wherein said outwardly swollen rigidity supplementing portion comprises a cylindrically-shaped portion.

Claim 27. (New) The pedal bracket structure of claim 26, wherein said rigidity increasing member is fastened at said pedal lever pivot.

Claim 28. (New) The pedal bracket structure of claim 27, wherein said rigidity increasing member forms pivot supporting holes, said pedal lever pivot being inserted into said pivot supporting holes.

Claim 29. (New) The pedal bracket structure of claim 4, wherein said rigidity supplementing bracket comprises arms having mounting holes for mounting said rigidity supplementing bracket to a suspension bracket.